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- ☒ On Page 4 and 5 of the specification there is a brief description of FIG. 16G and 20J, but the drawings filed 12/31/2009 do not include a drawing with that designation. Applicant must respond either by supplying the omitted drawing or by amending the specification to remove all references to that drawing.
- ☐ The drawings filed include FIG. , but the specification's brief description of the drawings does not describe a drawing with that designation. Applicant must respond either by amending the specification to add a brief description of that drawing or by correcting the drawings to remove the drawing in question.
- ☐ Drawings are present in the application and are referred to in the detailed description of the invention, but the specification does not contain a brief description of the drawings as required by 37 CFR 1.74 and 37 CFR 1.77(b)(8).
- ☐ Page of the specification refers to FIG. , but no drawing with that designation is described in the brief description of the drawings and no drawing with that designation is present in the application. Applicant must respond either by amending the specification to remove all references to that drawing, or by supplying that drawing and amending the specification to add a brief description of it.

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**IDENTIFICATION OF DRAWING DEFICIENCIES**

- ☐ There is a hole or the image thereof within the illustration. FIG(s)
- ☐ The illustration is penetrated or traversed by a solid or broken line that is not intended to be part of the drawing, such as a dark line caused by a flaw in the copying process. FIG(s)
- ☐ An ink stamp or the image thereof obscures part of the illustration. FIG(s)
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- ☐ The character of the lines, numbers, and letters is poor. FIG(s)
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- ☐ The drawing and/or the FIG. label contain(s) foreign language. FIG(s)
- ☐ A petition under 37 CFR 1.84(a)(2) to accept color drawings has been granted, but the brief description of the drawings in the specification does not contain (or has not been amended to contain) the paragraph required by 37 CFR 1.84(a)(2)(iv).

**COMMENTS:**

1.--Per Brief Description of the Drawings are Figures 15A-D, but in the Drawings contain Figs. 15A (two FIG A), 15C-D, 2nd FIG. 15A should read FIG. 15B, please correct fig label.

2.--Per Brief Description of the Drawings are Figures 16A-G, but in the Drawings contain Figs. 16A-F (two fig.16D) , 2nd FIG. 16D should read FIG. 16E, please correct fig label.